

Welcome to June and the unofficial start of summer! It will definitely feel like summer this week with temperatures rising into the 80's and even 90's later this week. Thankfully the weather forecast looks a little more dry this week, which will help the crews make up some lost time from the past couple weeks. One thing the contractor was able to complete last week while dodging the raindrops was the sanitary sewer main near the wastewater treatment plant. The restoration of the roadway and trail in that area will start to take shape this week and into next week.

Here's what the next couple weeks are looking like for project-related activities:

This week (week of June 1st):

- Front Street to Coulee Road:
 - Grading for roadway pavement construction and restoration of parking lot at Leverty Financial building
 - Continue to work on concrete bases, wiring, pull boxes, etc. for new signal at Coulee Road intersection
- Coulee Road to Vine Street:
 - Complete concrete sidewalk work on west side of the road with the exception of the southwest corner of the Locust Street intersection and the driveway to Riverfront Center
 - Excavate and grade southwest corner of Locust Street intersection for concrete sidewalk installation
- Vine Street to Lake Mallalieu
 - Construct water and sanitary sewer services between Myrtle Street and St Croix Street
 - Construct storm sewer between Myrtle Street and St Croix Street, including at both intersections
 - Potentially begin water and/or sanitary sewer main work between St Croix Street and Division Street
- North Hudson
 - Continue with water and sanitary sewer services and storm sewer construction between Monroe Street and Michaelson Street

Next week (week of June 7th):

- Front Street to Coulee Road:
 - Finish grading work
 - Pour concrete curb and pavement near wastewater treatment plant.
- Coulee Road to Vine Street:
 - Finish southwest corner of Locust Street intersection
 - Begin lighting work on east side of the street
- Vine Street to Lake Mallalieu:
 - Water and/or sanitary sewer mains from St Croix Street to Division Street
 - Grading and potential curb and/or sidewalk work between Myrtle Street and Division Street
- North Hudson:
 - Potentially begin water and/or sanitary sewer work between Michaelson Street and Sommers Street (to be determined based on conversations with the Village)
 - Grading and potentially curb work between Monroe Street and Michaelson Street

As we enter the sixth week of construction on the project, we are finding that the project is behind by about 2-3 weeks based on the initial schedules provided to the project team. Most of these delays are in the reconstruction areas, not in the downtown area. In order to make up some of the lost time, the contractor will be working on Saturdays in the Myrtle-Division and/or Monroe-Sommers segments for the foreseeable future. The work hours on Saturdays will generally be 7:00am to 3:00pm. As of now, we anticipate this work will mostly be focused on utility (water, sanitary sewer, storm sewer) mains and services since the utility work is what controls the rest of the schedule in these segments. The contractor is also looking to add more crews where possible to the project so that they can dig themselves out of the hole (pun intended) they find themselves in on the project schedule.

The project team is also working on tweaking the traffic signal timing at the Coulee Road intersection traffic signal to alleviate the long back-ups out to Interstate 94. While the project team works on this, the team also asks that (1) if you are driving to North Hudson in the afternoon, please use the detour route via Minnesota Highway 95 if possible and (2) if you are driving to somewhere in Hudson outside of the downtown area in the afternoon, please consider using Exit 2 to make your way to wherever you are going if possible.

Thank you all for your continued patience and understanding as we continue through this long and complex project!